

West Tripura district level Jatra Utsav kicks off

Eight-day long West Tripura district level Jatra Utsav began yesterday at Muktheadhara auditorium, Agartala. The festival has been organized by the information and cultural affairs department. Speaker of Tripura Legislative Assembly Rebati Mohan Das inaugurated the festival by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Subhash Deb, vice-president of State Cultural Advisory Committee presided over the occasion.



Pic. Manimala Das, ICO

Speaking on the occasion the speaker of TLA Rebati Mohan Das said, Jatra is an integral part of our folk culture and it is a popular medium of mass education too. In order to preserve our culture this tradition must be practiced. Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad Antara

Sarkar Deb, as the chief guest also graced the event. Welcome address was delivered by SIO Amrit Debbarma. On this occasion Jatra artistes Laskar Chowdhury and late Hiralal Sarkar were felicitated. In addition, all the participating jatra teams were felicitated. The first jatrapala presented there was 'Pagal Thakur' presented by Malaynagar Natya Sanstha.

Promoting tourism: State cabinet approves Tourism Policy

The present state government is trying to highlight Tripura tourism in the global tourism map. To tap the tourism prospects of the state the government has formulated 'Tourism Policy' and the state cabinet has approved the same yesterday, the education minister Ratan Lal Nath informed the media yesterday during a press meet at the secretariat. The minister said, although Tripura Tourism Development Corporation was set up in 2008 there was no tourism policy as such. Now the government is giving special focus on tourism as this may be a sector to drive Tripura towards self-sufficiency. As per the new policy religious tourism, heritage tourism, eco-tourism, tea-tourism, adventure tourism, ethnic tourism, border tourism etc. are the highlights.

The education minister also said, priority will be given to development of tourism infrastructure also. Apart from launching helicopter service, road communication system will be development between tourist destinations. Publicity will be equally a thrust measure. Accommodation, food etc. facilities will be improved. The cabinet also approved a proposal for sending it to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to declare Unakoti as 'world heritage site'. World Heritage Sites are declared by UNESCO. But the proposal for that status has to be sent through ASI.

In 2017-18, Tripura had seen 4,83,488 tourists. In 2018-19 this number increased to 5,29,579. Till November of 2019-20 the state has witnessed arrival of 3,77,202 tourists. Giving the statistics the minister hoped that this number may go beyond 6 lakh in the current year. The major share of tourists Tripura gets is from Bangladesh. In addition, it has seen visitors from the countries like USA, UK, Canada, Hungary, Switzerland etc. During the last year earning from tourism sector was calculated at about Rs. 3 crore. This has potential of earning in greater amount. At the same time this sector has prospects creating more employment.

New digital service launched for pensioners

The Accountant General (A&E), Agartala, has started new service for the Tripura state government employees and pensioners from January 26, 2020. A pensioner willing to avail printed Pension Payment Authority & GPF Final Payment Authority could approach the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) against Rs. 30. In this system as soon as pension or GPF case is finalized, the pensioner would receive a message on his/her mobile and after that he/she can approach the CSC / Digital Seva Kendra to obtain PPO or FPF Authority. The pensioner will require to enter PPO number, name and mobile number (optional) for pension Authority and will require to enter GPF Account number, name and mobile number (optional) for downloading their GPF authority. To know about the nearest CSC location one could call the Helpdesk number – 0381-2350909.

1st National Lok Adalat at Agartala on Feb 8

District Legal Services Authority, West Tripura and Subdivisional Legal Service Committee, Sadar, Agartala are going to organize the 1st National Lok Adalat, 2020 scheduled to be held on February 8, 2020 from 10.00 a.m to 4 p.m. There will be

four Lok Adalats for disposal of 516 cases. West Tripura Legal Services Authority has informed this.

Eye treatment camp in Khowai

Eye treatment camp was organized by West Tripura District Blind Control Society at Khowai district hospital on January 28. Required medicines have been provided to total 65 patients after treatment in the camp. Among the patients, 7 patients have been referred to Agartala for cataract operation after medical checkup free of cost. Superintendent of Khowai district hospital Dr. Dhananjay Reang has informed this.

Three-day long Hrangkhal Khalui Festival concluded at Panisagar

Three-day long 3rd Hrangkhal Khalui festival organized by Hrangkhal Youth Association in association with ICA department, North East Council, Tribal Research Institute and other departments were held at the premises of Doganga SB School of Indurail ADC Village on January 21-23. The festival was inaugurated by the Sabhadhipati of North Tripura Zilla Parishad Bhabatosh Das. Among other guests, Sahakari- Sabhadhipati of North Tripura Zilla Parishad Biswajit Ghosh, SDM of Panisagar subdivision L.Darlong, chairman of Panisagar Panchjayat Samiti Sanjoy Das were present in the festival.

Traditional sports competitions and food exhibition of Hrangkhal Community were organised as part of the festival. Cultural programme was held every evening.



*Administrative camp held at Tulabari SB School under Padmabil Block today.
Pic. by Dulal Debbarma, ICO*

Assistance provided for pisci culture in Jampui Hill block

Assistance has been provided by the fisheries department to total 7 fish farmers of Jampuihill block under fish cultivation scheme in small reservoir during the current year. 480 fingerlings have already been provided to each beneficiary in Kanpui, Sabuwal, Bhangmoon, West Manpui, Longtharai Valley, Langsang village of Jampui Hill block. Moreover, fish feed, oil cake, medicine etc. different items have been supplied to the beneficiaries. Rs 1016 has been spent for each beneficiary. The office of the Kanchanpur fishery superintendent has informed this.